

# Ben Wieseman

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## Work Experience

### Place Associates – Birmingham, AL

February 2022 - Present

Ben is the owner and operator of Place Associates, specializing in the Planning, Design and Real Estate development services for the places that matter to you. We assist communities, municipalities and owners to develop the projects and tools they need to achieve success.

### REV. – Birmingham, Alabama

December 2014 – February 2022

Director of Catalytic Development for REV Birmingham. Primary responsibilities include the management and development of all REV and MSB property holdings, development of Catalytic Real Estate Projects for REV and Partner organizations throughout Birmingham and working with individuals and organizations who come to REV seeking real estate assistance for locating or moving their business into Birmingham.

### KPS Group, Inc. – Birmingham, Alabama

August 2003 – December 2014

Associate for KPS Group, Inc. a multi-disciplinary design firm. Employed as a project planner and landscape architect, working on a large diversity of projects types and scales. Projects range from streetscapes, to parks and playgrounds, to site specific landscapes for buildings and community and city master plans and comprehensive plans.

### Nuszer-Kopatz Urban Design Associates – Denver, Colorado

May 1999 – August 2003

Project planner and landscape architect in Denver, Colorado. Work included the design and entitlement for developments across northern and central Colorado and sites in Utah.

## Teaching Experience

### Auburn University – Adjunct Faculty

Fall 2007 - Present

- Masters of Real Estate Development – Spring 2013 to present. Site Planning and Infrastructure class for the third semester of the MRED program. Class is taught both on campus and online in Auburn's executive format.
- Urban Studio: Seminar Class – Fall 2007 to 2017/ Fall 2019 / Fall 2023. Teaching 5<sup>th</sup> year Architecture students about urban design, form and place making in the City of Birmingham.
- Masters of Landscape Architecture – Summer 2012. Summer studio for five students, held in Birmingham, AL. The students worked on a variety of projects culminating in their capstone project for Line Park.
- Masters of Community Planning – Fall 2013, Spring 2014. Seminar class for planning students who were at the Urban Studio. Class focused on Urban Design and coordinated with main campus.

## Education

### Auburn University

Masters of Real Estate Development, May 2012

### University of Kentucky

Bachelors of Science Landscape Architecture, May 1999

- Award of Recognition, American Planning Association, Kentucky Chapter • 5th year class project, 1999 "Bluegrass Region: A Finite Resource"
- 1999 ASLA Merit Award, Study of Landscape Architecture

## Licensure / Certifications

- RLA -Licensed Landscaped Architect in the State of Alabama, previously held in Colorado
- AICP -Certified Planner with American Planning Association
- LEED AP – Certified LEED AP professional with the United States Green Building Council

## Facilitating

Presently works with a variety of organizations and partners to facilitate design workshops. Workshops are typically multiple days with direct interaction with stakeholders and community members. Organizations include:

- Your Town Alabama and WAEM Town, yearly as needed
- Design Alabama – Mayors Design Summit : 2010 - present
- Small Town Design Initiative – multiple communities across Alabama and Mississippi
- Youth Leadership Forum – Planning and Your City : 2011- 2021

## Professional Organizations / Affiliations

### **City of Hoover, AL – Planning Commission**

Member

March 2018 – Present

### **Design Alabama**

Member

March 2015 – Present

### **Your Town Alabama**

Vice President

March 2019 – Present

### **Design Review Committee, City of Birmingham**

Member

January 2012 – Present

### **AL Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects**

Past President

### **AL Chapter of American Planning Association**

Professional Development Officer

March 2010 – Present

### **Junior Board Railroad Park, Birmingham AL**

Member

March 2011 – January 2015

### **Auburn University, Masters of Real Estate Development, Alumni Council**

Member

August 2013 – 2018